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ACTIVATED READ STORAGE SYSTEM

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-identified application as indicated below:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

At page 6, please replace the paragraph beginning "The medium type" and ending "followed by experimental results" with:

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The medium type which is included herein preferably includes a Co/Pt readout layer on a TbFeCo memory or write layer. In a preferred form, an exchange or coupling layer 108 is provided. This medium type was chosen to provide a temperature dependence of coercivity as schematically depicted in FIG. 4. The principle of operation is briefly described followed by experimental results.